

NOTICE OF HEARING AND COMMENTS FOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS IN THE NEOSHO AND WALNUT RIVER BASINS

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for streams and lakes in the Neosho and Walnut River Basins that are impaired by not meeting state water quality standards.

The TMDLs presented for public review are:

Neosho Basin

Neosho Headwaters and Lower Cottonwood (HUC 11070201 & 11070203)

- [Neosho River and Lower Cottonwood River – Total Phosphorus](#)

Neosho Headwaters (HUC 11070201)

- [Neosho River Headwaters – Total Phosphorus](#)
- [Lake Kahola - Eutrophication](#)

Walnut Basin

Upper & Lower Walnut (HUC 11030017 & 11030018)

- [Whitewater & Walnut River – Total Phosphorus & Dissolved Oxygen](#)

Lower Walnut (HUC 11030018)

- [Eightmile Creek – Total Phosphorus & Dissolved Oxygen](#)

These TMDLs are available for review on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment TMDL website at http://www.kdheks.gov/tmdl/planning_mgmt.htm. Additionally, copies of the TMDLs can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Water, Watershed Planning, Monitoring and Assessment Section (785-296-8791).

A public hearing to take testimony from interested parties will be held:

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014
Location: Emporia Civic Auditorium
Conference Room 1AB
111 East 6th Avenue, Emporia (Enter West Door)
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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The first portion of the hearing will be a briefing by the Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section, outlining each of the TMDLs. The public comment period for these TMDLs will be held open from August 19th through September 19th of 2014. After reviewing the testimony and public comments, KDHE will make any appropriate revisions to the TMDLs and will submit them to Region VII of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing process and may request the proposed TMDLs in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing process should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting KDHE.

Requests, questions or written comments should be directed to Tom Stiles of the Watershed Planning, Monitoring and Assessment Section of KDHE at: 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367; by email at tstiles@kdheks.gov; by telephone: 785-296-6170 or by FAX: 785-291-3266.